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BROCKTON, MA- Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz today announced that Peter Pearson, (DOB: 10-11-56), of East Bridgewater was convicted today of five counts of Aggravated Rape, one count of Assault with Intent to Rape, four counts of Kidnapping, two counts of Indecent Assault and Battery on a Person Fourteen or Over and four counts of Impersonating a Police Officer for the assaults upon five different women in the City of Brockton. The crimes were committed over a period of eleven years from 1987 to Pearson's arrest in August of 2008. The defendant was found guilty after a five day jury trial in Brockton Superior Court. The jury deliberated for a period of three and a half hours over two days before returning their verdict.

The Commonwealth presented evidence that the defendant impersonated a police officer to coerce these five women into his car. He used a badge, often a hand held radio and spoke of his police work as a state trooper to further his pretext as an officer and ultimately forced four of the five women to perform oral sex.

The case was investigated by Detectives Jackie Congdon, Ernest Bell and Michael Cesarini all of the Brockton Police Department.

The case was tried before Superior Court Judge Frank Gaziano. Following the verdict, the defendant was sentenced to eighteen to twenty years in state prison with a period of five years probation to follow his incarceration.

The case was prosecuted by Second Assistant District Attorney Sharon E. Donatelle and Assistant District Attorney Shelby Smith.

"Today's verdict brings justice for five women who found the strength to come forward to testify about unspeakable crimes. As a result of their sacrifice, a predator of eleven years is off the streets," said District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz.

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